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Nomination to the stakeholders group

Marine Life Protection Act
c/o California Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, Ca. 95814
Attn: Melissa Miller-Henson

Dear Ms. Miller-Henson,

My name is Paul Pierce. I am a lifelong resident of Northern California and since my early childhood have been a regular recreational user of the North Central Coast area. My interests in this area include many types of fishing targeting salmon, groundfish, surf fish and shellfish. I have spent many hours exploring the intertidal zone and birdwatching.

The group that I am associated with is the Coastside Fishing Club. It is a large socially and economically diverse group, over 13,000 members, of conservation minded individuals who have one common thread, to enjoy the recreational use of California's marine assets. This organization has an excellent network in place that will allow me to gather the concerns of it's many members and make these concerns heard in the stakeholder meetings. I will also be able to relay any information regarding the MLPA to the membership in a timely fashion. This will be done utilizing the club website forums, email and telephone.

As far as my knowledge of the area I have traveled and visited the coastline and inshore waters including the Farallon Islands and Tomales as well as Bodega Bays extensively by boat as well as visiting the beaches and rocky areas by auto.

As a member of the stakeholder group I feel that I will be able to add input to the process as well as take into account the ideas and concerns of other members of the group. I am able to work in a collective environment with others who's ideas and interests may not be the same as mine but are just as important. While my involvement with the MLPA has been limited to following the media, announcements from your office, attending the Marin workshop and conversations with fellow Coastsiders, I believe this is an opportunity for me to get involved further. I have attended hearings sponsored by other branches of the government in the past and found the process personally interesting and would like to offer my help as a stakeholder. I have the time and am willing to devote myself to this important project and welcome a chance to represent a large group of Californians as a stakeholder representative.

Sincerely,

Paul Pierce
San Leandro, CA